

Meeting Minutes – Informal Energy Committee July 22, 2008

In attendance: Committee Members Dawn Lewis, Robert Larson and Cheryl Rowell

Meeting started at 9:30 AM at the Fremont Town Hall

❖ Ellis School - How can we make the school a model or example that will lead Fremont into an energy efficient future?

➤ Ellis School - Existing Building Assessment

- PSNH energy audit – some progress was already made with this, but need more complete information
 - Scott Brown, building manager at Ellis, has some information about this
 - ◆ Dawn Lewis will speak with Scott Brown and determine which office was used for the partial energy audit
 - ◆ Cheryl Rowell will contact Carol Foley to determine if she has had contact with the Jordan Institute, and with PSNH and what grants have been received and what tasks they will be carrying out at school to avoid duplication of efforts.
- There are no projected replacements of boilers at the school – heating is a concern for the coming year.
- The Energy Committee should be ready to take advantage of any funding in the near future to help pay for some projects at Ellis for energy conservation. The funding will most likely be limited.

➤ Long Range Plans

- Long Range Planning Committee for the school commissioned NESDEC to complete an assessment of Ellis School. Deficiencies were found. The report is believed to be online.
- The Long Range Planning Committee will present something to the Fremont School Board for consideration
- If there is a new building or upgrade or other project it would be a great time to consider a more, overall efficient building – the Energy Committee could be helpful here.
- Should the Energy Committee meet with the Long Range Planning Committee soon?

➤ Grants/Projects Affecting the School

- Safe Routes to Schools Grants
 - This grant application has been submitted.
 - Discussion proceeded re: downtown rezoning of Fremont
 - ◆ Was this a warrant article that passed?
 - ◆ Does rezoning open doors for development? For ex. would there be \$ for crosswalks?
 - ◆ Converse with other depts. on this topic
- N. E. Grassroots Environmental Fund Grant
 - Bob Larson proposes applying for this grant to fund a small solar energy array for school that would have expansion capabilities and be a good project for the students. It would be a learning opportunity in many ways.
 - Will run grant through the Fremont School Board.
 - Make sure that we note in the application that the Committee would want to continue to add to this setup in the future (the grant organization wants to see sustainability of the project).
 - Need to know costs for project – need to contact solar companies – potentially getting someone to the school for an assessment.
 - ◆ Dawn will contact Solar Energy Store in Somersworth and SunWeaver in Northwood. She will also email Bob with the name of the Manchester solar store and he will visit when he is in Manchester.
 - ◆ Bob will contact company in Merrimac about solar cells.
 - ◆ Cheryl will ask about the cost of the components of solar system at the Willow Pond Farm CSA in Brentwood. The setup is used to power the irrigation system.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM. The full committee will meet on July 29th at 7 PM at the Fremont Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Rowell